Super Summer draws over 700 students

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"You can tell that everything here's put together by God, that it's ordained by God," said Daniel Logan, a student from Fairhaven Church in Demopolis, Ala. "All we've heard has been really challenging. It's designed to make leaders."

With testimonials like that, it's apparent that Super Summer is not just another youth camp. Each year this special leadership conference, sponsored by the Discipleship and Family Ministry (DFM) Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, gathers the best and the brightest students from churches all over Mississippi - and in the case of Logan, even from outside the state.

On July 12-16, 707 participants representing approximately churches descended on Baptist-affiliated Mississippi College in Clinton for five days of intensive training in discipleship and evangelism. Those participating knew — or soon learned — that Super Summer is not the typical youth event.

Hart Wardlaw, a stu-ent from Calvary dent Church, Tupelo, was struck by the relationships she developed.

"I've met some awesome people and seen a lot of people I knew last year," she said. "We're all here for the same purpose. We have the same passion for Christ. You get so close to so many people, but mostly, I come to get closer to God. I get full' when I come here!"

Catherine Yarber, a student from First Methodist Church in Tupelo and a guest of Calvary Church, was a first-time attendee.

"It's what I expected, but a whole lot more. I came so



OLD AND NEW FRIENDS - Students participating in Super Summer July 12-16 at Mississippi College in Clinton were quick to express how much fun they had making new friends and meeting up with old ones. Enjoying the shade during a conference bread are Catherine Yarber, First Methodist Church, Tupelo; Hart Wardlaw, Calvary Church, Tupelo; and Codi Sprewell, Fairhaven Church, Demopolis, Ala. (BR photo by Tony Martin)

thirsty; I wanted to learn so much. I've had a chance to worship and grow," she said.

Speaking of the Monday night worship service, Yarber said, "It was one of the first times I've ever really worshipped. It's not the same kind of worship we have at home!"

Codi Sprewell, from Calvary Church, Tupelo, agreed. "It was just pure intimacy with God," she said. "That's something I've been missing."

Worship leader for the week was

Chris Davis, from Birmingham, Ala. Speaker was Fred Lynch of Dallas. Paul Johnson of Backstage Booking in Birmingham provided drama. Harvey Ellis, DFM consultant and

Super Summer lead coordinator, reflected on the week. "There is no way you can actually describe what goes on at Super Summer," he said.
"No matter what you say, you can't

communicate to someone who wasn't

there or who just came for one service. It's not just about one or two things, but the

not just about one or two things, but the dynamics of everything working together through the small groups, through the dorm devotions, and the prayer times are what make it happen," Ellis said.

"The one thing that makes Super Summer what it is, apart from the spiritual aspect, is the ownership and leadership given by the youth ministers during the week," Ellis said.

"The youth ministers give their time and The youth ministers give their time and expertise in some part of the program. There were about 75 youth ministers who gave part of themselves to make it a success

Super Summer 2005 is scheduled for

July 11-15 at Mississippi College.
Super Summer is a ministry of the Mississippi Cooperative Program. For more information, contact Ellis at P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205. Telephone: (601) 292-3286 or toll-free outside Jackson (800) 748-1651, ext. 286. E-mail: hgellis@mbcb.org.

PREACHING THE WORD -Fred Lynch, of Dallas, Tex., drives home a point during one of the evening worship ser-vices during Super Summer, held on the Mississippi College campus, July 12-16. (Photo by Lennie Young)



FMA: the Senate vote that wasn't

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Liphill fight, but it's still hard to believe that the U.S. Senate last week did not see fit to protect the institution of marriage as practiced for at least the last 5,000 years. Worse still, the Federal Marriage Amendment (FMA) was killed on a technicality and not due to a vote on the amendment itself.

Senators rejected an attempt to invoke cloture, which would have prevented the endless filibuster promised by opponents and would have led to a straight up-and-down vote on the proposal. To

their credit, Mississippi's two Senators — Republicans Thad Cochran and Trent Lott — voted to invoke cloture and move to a vote on the amendment itself.

"Despite the current setback, I believe debate on this issue has only just begun, and the topic is bound to fester until Congress assumes its responsibility and deals with it decisively...

"Like an overwhelming majority of Americans, I believe marriage should remain strictly between men and women. That's why I was an original cosponsor of the Federal Marriage Amendment, which the Senate failed to even consider this week because we did-

n't have quite enough votes to bring it up for debate," Lott said in a statement posted on his web site, www.fott.senate.gov. "The rabid reactionary religious right has

rarely looked more ridiculous," said Massachusetts Democratic Senator Ted Kennedy, a strident FMA opponent. "They knew they didn't have the votes to come even close to passing this amendment. But they had a sufficient stranglehold on the White House and the Republican leadership in Congress to force the issue to a vote anyway. "My guess is that their strategy will

"My guess is that their strategy will boomerang, and that vastly more

Americans will be turned off than are turned on by this attempt to stain the Constitution with their language of bigotry."

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Brownback of Kansas, an FMA
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"The great debate is engaged," he said. "I think we are going to have a long, extended discussion in this country [about the definition of marriage]."

Mississippi Republican Congressman Roger Wicker of Tupelo has reported that his office has received more than 20 calls per day and more than 4,000 letters regarding FMA. He said he intends to support FMA when it is brought up in a few weeks in the U.S. House of Representatives.

It was only a few years ago that most Americans would have scoffed at the necessity of amending the U.S. Constitution to provide a

legal definition of marriage. The Founding Fathers didn't include a definition when they wrote the Constitution, because they simply saw no need for it.

Few of us grew up so sheltered that we didn't know homosexuality existed, but still we never expected it to come to this. Most of us could not have anticipated a militant, pro-homosexual movement endorsed and heavily supported by some of the most prominent institutions and figures in the fields of religion, journalism, entertainment, politics, and law.

Most of us could not have imagined Stonewall, Fire Island, Gay Day at

"MARRIAGE IS A COMMITMENT FOR LIFE, AND IS NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH HOOKING UP OR HANGING OUT."



Disney World, or the vulgar homosexual parades now frequenting the streets of San Francisco. We certainly could not have foreseen pro-homosexual school curricula as early as first grade and children's books with titles such as, Heather Has Two Mommies.

Yet that is the world in which we find ourselves. "Someone will win this war," Gary Bauer, president of American Values and former president of the Family Research Council, recently stated, "and to the winner of this war goes our children."

If that's not enough to drive you to your knees before Almighty God, what will?

Senators record votes on FMA procedural motion

WASHINGTON (BP and local reports)

— The U.S. Senate defeated a "motion to proceed" on July 14 that would have allowed a vote on the Federal Marriage Amendment (FMA). Following is how senators voted on the motion. (A yes vote would have resulted in senators invoking cloture — heading off threatened filibusters — and moving forward to vote on the marriage amendment.)

Daniel Akaka (D-HI), No Lamar Alexander (R-TN), Yes Wayne Allard (R-CO), Yes George Allen (R-VA), Yes Max Baucus (D-MT), No Evan Bayh (D-IN), No Robert Bennett (R-UT), Yes Joseph Biden (D-DE), No Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), No Christopher Bond (R-MO), Yes Barbara Boxer (D-CA), No John Breaux (D-LA), No Sam Brownback (R-KS), Yes im Bunning (R-KY), Yes Conrad Burns (R-MT), Yes Robert Byrd (D-WV), Yes Ben Campbell (R-CO), No Maria Cantwell (D-WA), No Thomas Carper (D-DE), No Lincoln Chafee (R-RI), No Saxby Chambliss (R-GA), Yes Hillary Clinton (D-NY), No Thad Cochran (R-MS), Yes Norm Coleman (R-MN), Yes Susan Collins (R-ME), No Kent Conrad (D-ND), No

John Cornyn (R-TX), Yes Jon Corzine (D-NJ), No Larry Craig (R-ID), Yes Michael Crapo (R-ID), Yes Tom Daschle (D-SD), No Mark Dayton (D-MN), No Mike DeWine (R-OH), Yes Christopher Dodd (D-CT), No Elizabeth Dole (R-NC), Yes Pete Domenici (R-NM), Yes Byron Dorgan (D-ND), No Richard Durbin (D-IL), No John Edwards (D-NC), Not Voting John Ensign (R-NV), Yes Michael Enzi (R-WY), Yes Russell Feingold (D-WI), No Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), No Peter Fitzgerald (R-IL), Yes Bill Frist (R-TN), Yes Bob Graham (D-FL), No Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Yes Chuck Grassley (R-IA), Yes Judd Gregg (R-NH), Yes Chuck Hagel (R-NE), Yes iom Harkin (D-IA), Orrin Hatch (R-UT), Yes Ernest Hollings (D-SC), No Kay Hutchison (R-TX), Yes James Inhofe (R-OK), Yes Daniel Inouye (D-HI), No James Jeffords (I-VT), No Tim Johnson (D-SD), No Edward Kennedy (D-MA), No John Kerry (D-MA), Not Voting Herb Kohl (D-WI), No Jon Kyl (R-AZ), Yes Mary Landrieu (D-LA), No

Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ), No Patrick Leahy (D-VT), No Carl Levin (D-MI), No Joseph Lieberman (D-CT), No Blanche Lincoln (D-AR), No Trent Lott (R-MS), Yes Richard Lugar (R-IN), Yes John McCain (R-AZ), No Mitch McConnell (R-KY), Yes Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), No Zell Miller (D-GA), Yes Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Yes Patty Murray (D-WA), No Bill Nelson (D-FL), No Ben Nelson (D-NE), Yes Don Nickles (R-OK), Yes Mark Pryor (D-AR), No Jack Reed (D-RI), No Harry Reid (D-NV), No Pat Roberts (R-KS), Yes John Rockefeller (D-WV), No Rick Santorum (R-PA), Yes Paul Sarbanes (D-MD), No Charles Schumer (D-NY), No eff Sessions (R-AL), ` Richard Shelby (R-AL), Yes Gordon Smith (R-OR), Yes Olympia Snowe (R-ME), No Arlen Specter (R-PA), Yes Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), No Ted Stevens (R-AK), Yes Iohn Sununu (R-NH), No James Talent (R-MO), Yes Craig Thomas (R-WY), Yes George Voinovich (R-OH), Yes John Warner (R-VA), Yes Ron Wyden (D-OR), No



Marriage amendment defeated in Senate

WASHINGTON (BP and local reports) — The Federal Marriage Amendment (FMA) was defeated in the U.S. Senate on a procedural vote July 14, but its supporters said the debate on the issue is far from over.

The amendment itself did not make it to a vote. Needing 60 votes to limit debate, forego threatened filibusters from oppinents, and allow a vote on the amendment itself—a procedure called invoking cloture—amendment supporters received only 48 votes. Fifty senators voted against cloture, leaving open opponents' threats of unending filibuster and in essence blocking a vote.

Mississippi's two Senators, Republicans Thad Cochran and Trent Lott, voted in favor of invoking cloture and moving on to a vote on the amendment itself.

"The battle has just begun," the amendment's sponsor, Sen. Wayne Allard (R.-Co.) said after the vote. "I think this is a very strong first vote. [T]his is a long process. Nobody on our side, I think, ever felt for a minute that this was going to be a one-shot deal."

Allard said he would "sit down with colleagues" and "work toward a consensus," but he said that because of the Senate's tight schedule, a vote is unlikely for the rest of the year. A vote in the House is expected to take place before the November election.

"[W]e'll have more votes in the following years," Allard promised after the vote.

President Bush, who supports the amendment, expressed disappointment but urged the House to pass the amendment. "I am deeply disappointed that the effort to pass a constitutional amendment affirming the sanctity of marriage as being between a man and a woman was temporarily blocked in the Senate," he said in a statement. "Activist judges and local officials in some parts of the country are not letting up in

their efforts to redefine marriage for the rest of America and neither should defenders of traditional marriage flag in their efforts."

Sen. Sam Brownback (R.-Kan.) said his office received more phone calls on the amendment in a five-day period than it has on any other issue in the same timeframe since he entered the Senate. He supports the amendment.

"The great debate is engaged," he said. "I think we are going to have a long, extended discussion in this country [about the definition of marriage]." Brownback said amendment supporters "won on substance but lost on procedure."

Even if the amendment had made it to a vote, it likely would have fallen short of the 67 votes needed to pass. Six Republicans voted to prevent a vote on the amendment, led by four GOP senators from the New England states. Even Republican John Warner of Virginia, who voted to allow a vote, said he was uncomfortable with the second sentence of the amendment.

The second sentence, amendment supporters say, would prevent courts from legalizing Vermont-type civil unions but would allow state legislatures to do so. The sentence in dispute reads, "Neither this Constitution, nor the constitution of any State, shall be construed to require that marriage or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon any union other than the union of a man and a woman.

Sen. Gordon Smith (R.-Ore.), supported striking that sentence and passing only a one-sentence amendment that reads, "Marriage in the United States shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman." Although that amendment never was considered, it likely would have received more support

received more support.

"I'm advised that it would garner perhaps as many as 10 new votes," Sen. John Cornyn, (R.-Texas) said on the floor.

Ironically, support for an

amendment could grow if courts continue to issue rulings siding with same-sex marriage. Opponents of the amendment repeatedly said during debate that the Defense of Marriage Act, signed into law in 1996, is adequate to protect marriage. That law prevents the federal government from legalizing same-sex marriage and gives states the option to do the same.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D.-Conn.) — an amendment opponent — said that if DOMA is declared unconstitutional, "there will be enough time for those of us who oppose [same-sex] marriage to act statutorily or constitutionally."

Another amendment opponent, Sen. Tom Carper (D.-Del.), made a similar comment. He noted that when he was governor of Delaware he signed a law banning samesex marriage.

"Time will tell, but I believe that my law in Delaware will also be sustained without a constitutional amendment, and if it isn't, then this is an issue that we can revisit and I think will," Carper said.

Amendment opponents asserted that the issue should be left to the states.

"This fundamental responsibility lies with the states," Minority Leader Tom Daschle (D.-S.D.) said during debate. "It has for two centuries."

Supporters of the amendment, though, said that courts were preventing it from being a states rights issue. "The question is no longer whether the Constitution will be amended," Majority Leader Bill Frist (R.-Tenn.), said. "The only question is who will amend it and how it will be amended. Will activist judges—not elected by the American people—destroy the institution of marriage? Or will the people protect marriage as the best way to raise children? My vote is

with the people."

Sen. Patrick Leahy (D.-Vt.)
said the amendment would
"write discrimination" into
the Constitution. "Gay and
lesbian Americans across the

nation are looking to the Senate today to see whether this body is going to brand them as inferiors in our society," Leahy said.

One amendment supporter, Sen. Rick Santorum (R.-Pa.) said those arguing for states rights were instead arguing for state courts to do the "dirty work." Mocking that argument, Santorum said, "America, look somewhere else. Don't pay attention to what's going on here. Everything will be fine. Just leave to us — us judges."

The issue, Santorum said, is worth debating.

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"I would argue that the future of our country hangs in the balance because the future of the American family hangs in the balance," he said.

Three Democrats voted to allow a vote: Robert Byrd (W.Va.), Zell Miller (Ga.) and Ben Nelson (Neb.).

Six Republicans voted to block a vote: Ben Nighthorse Campbell (Colo.), Lincoln Chafee (R.I.), Susan Collins (Maine), John McCain (Ariz.), Olympia Snowe (Maine) and John Sununu (N.H.).

Democratic Sens. John Kerry and John Edwards, the presumed candidates on the Democrat Party ticket seeking to unseat incumbent President George W. Bush in the November elections, were campaigning outside Washington and did not vote on the cloture motion.

Constitutional amendments require the passage of two-thirds of both the House and Senate and ratification by three-fourths of the states.

The U.S. House of Representatives is expected to take up the marriage amendment in the next few weeks.

FMA supporters expect a strong effort in the House to block passage there, too.

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Looking back...

10 years ago

Five Mississippians were among 80 Americans who participated in a 10-day mission trip in Russia that led to 4,782 professions of faith. Among those involved in the project were Greg Martin of Long Beach, Jerry and Landis McBride of Baldwyn, and Jerry and Faith Nance of Pearl.

20 years ago

Johnson Hall, one of the original dormitories of Mississippi Woman's College in Hattiesburg, is being renovated to provide married student housing at the formerly all-female institution now known as William Carey College and affiliated with the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

50 years ago

The Executive Committee of the State Convention Board, in regular session July 13, recommends to the Convention Board that the prometion of Royal Ambassador work be transferred from the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union to the Brotherhood Department.



Recently, I received a card reported to be from a single woman expressing her deep disappointment that God did not love her because if God truly loved her He would send her a sweet husband. There was no identification or return address and the letter was simply signed Lonely. It was addressed to Jim Futral at The Baptist Record and so I assume that the person who wrote it may read this article.

After reading it several times and realizing there was no way to respond other than the possibility of this column, I wondered if I should even attempt to respond to Lonely. I asked several other people to read it to see what their reaction might be. As you might expect, their responses were varied. Some of them wondered if it was a hoax. Maybe it was from some friend of mine, who was a little unbalanced and had a tendency to enjoy warped humor, playing a trick on me. Others read it with compassion and even emotion, thinking how sad it is for someone to feel this way and be in condition that was expressed with no way for us to try to care for them.

For me I came down on the side of this is not a joke. My heart went out to whoever it is out there, all alone looking at this huge globe full of people. Add to that this person expressed and seems to really believe that God does not love her. After considerable thought and prayer, I felt compelled to at least write some word to Lonely:

First and foremost I want you to know that God does love you.

He loves you so much that He sent Jesus, His only Son, to die on the cross to pay for your sins. God you! loves Whatever has happened and whoever may

have told you something differ-

ent, I want you to know

absolutely and unequivocally

God loves you. You may have

made some wrong choices and

some bad decisions throughout

your life. Others may have made

decisions that were not right and

those decisions have affected

your life, but in spite of all that the great God of the universe

personally cares about you and

does love you. I am not trying to

be argumentative, but I am com-

pelled to state the absolute truth

so that whether you agree, or

whether you believe me - or

even believe God — it is still true

you may be truely lonely but it is

not simply because you are

alone. Being alone is not the only

thing that produces loneliness.

There are people who stand in the middle of crowds who are

lonely. There are other times

when people are by themselves

and they are not lonely at all.

Loneliness is a terrible, hollow

feeling that anyone and every-

one can experience. It is certainly

not felt only by people who are

single. You can be single, lonely,

and miserable — and you can be married, lonely, and miserable.

While you expressed in your let-

ter that you would like to have a

husband, I think I would be safe

in telling you that there are many

I also want you to know that

that God loves you.



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Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

women who would with the same kind of passion like to get rid of their husbands.

As I read your correspondence, I thought about the story of the two men who ran into each other at the grocery store. They had known each other for some time and had not seen each other in a while, so they were catching up on their lives and conditions. One of the guys, who was single, told his buddy, "I'm getting married." His friend asked him, "Why are you going to do that?" He said, "I'm tired of doing my own shopping, cooking, taking care of my clothes, and having to do all the work around the His friend, who was house." married, looked at him rather strangely and said, "Well, those are the same reasons I'm going to get a divorce." All of that is to say that there is a contentment that can be found whether alone or in a relationship with another person. There is a misery that transcends being alone or being with someone else. It is not wise or actually possible to put the burden of responsibility for your own personal contentment and happiness on the shoulders of someone else. To demand that another person make you happy is probably putting on them a load of responsibility with expectations they cannot fulfill.

I have actually had people tell

going to get married because they were so miserable. instruction advice to and them was beware because if you are getting married because you are miserable,

me that they were

the result will probably be that two people will be miserable. So, what does all of this mean to you in your condition and in your set of circumstances? Let me encourage you to consider the

following things:

• Believe that God loves you. His love is not based on whether or not you are in a relationship, have a husband, are highly successful at your job, or if you are gifted in any

particular area. He loves you. Trust God that He will live out His plan and purpose in your life whether single, married, or waiting. According to Scripture, God uses singleness in some lives for specific purposes for His glory. That obviously is true in His Son Jesus' life. Apparently, it was true for the Apostle Paul and it could be true for you. By the same token to trust that God is at work in you could mean that in His timing, not yours, He will bring about a plan that involves someone else. It is far better to wait and trust God to bring the person into your life at His right time, than to go charging

out on your own and get involved with someone that would only bring misery to you and them-

selves and maybe to many others.

• Listen to the Lord and learn from Him. When He talked to His disciples — and indeed to all of us — to tell us that He would give us a Comforter, He was referring to the Holy Spirit. He said He would be with us and in us. There is a comfort and a confidence that God provides as He lives within us and through us that removes the loneliness, disperses the clouds, gives us direction, and fills our heart with peace. He can do that for you.

• I am praying for you. Although I do not know who you are, God does and that is what is important. I have been praying that God will meet your needs, fill your life, and help you to grow so that you will understand how much He loves you, how He desires to bless you and use you, and how worthy He is of your trust and your worship.

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He took Peter. John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightening ... Peter and his companions ... saw his glory.

Luke 9:28-29, 32

For: (1)III Centrifuge, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, 24th-29th (LifeWay); (2) Mickey Poten is director of missions, Golden Spike Assoc., Utah. Prayfor a campus minister for Utah State University. Pray for future indigenous leaders for Utah churches.

For: (1) Women Mentoring, FBC, Biloxi, 31st (WMU); (2) Ask God to guide in reaching ladies in a guide/activities group aimed at the unper class in Uruguay. Most of the 32 present at a meeting on Mother's Day were not believers. Pray that these contacts may be cultivated and lead to the Lord.

Last month, we prayed for T, a young single Acehnese man in Indonesia. This Muslim man is interested in studying the Bible. Please gontz in prayer that his interest would not be hindered by fear of what his friends might think. Pray that he will give his life to Christ.

For: (1) Social Issues Emphasis: Environmental Stewardship (CAC); (2) School Prayerwalk/ Teacher Appreciation (WMU); (2) George W. Garner, Georgia, is the national massionary for town and country church planting. Pray that lost people in rural North America will be identified and be impacted by the gospel. For: (1) Summer Missions
Camp for Boys, Central Hills
Baptist Retreat, Kosciusko,
26th-30th (WM) (2) Young
Musicians Camp, Due
Mountain College, Due
Mountain, 26th-30th (CM);
(3) GA Camp, Camp Garaywa,
Clinton, 26th-30th (WMU).

For: (1) Centri-Kid; Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, 2nd-6th (LifeWay); (2) Peoples of Inhambane Province, Mozambique are seeing the "Jesus" film and being asked to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Pray that new Bible studies will result from the showing of this film.

Last month, int'l Christian workers from India worked with nationals to develop plans to see Mustim postplas come to Christ. Pray that they remain sensitive of Good Jerding. Pray that God would raise up faithful men to work amount Muslins in Maharashtra state, India.

The movie "The Passion of the Christ" opened in the capital of Bulgaria in May. It will next be in the larger towns, and then in the smaller towns. Buy that many will see it and will want to know the truth about this God-man Jesus. Pray that the film will raise much interest among the Muslim communities.

After A, a believer, was released from prison in a Muslim country, a friend said he, too, wanted to follow Jesus. A said, "lide t you see what they did to make the said, "Yes, that they want to become a Christian. No one would go through that if they were not telling the truth." Pray they will be faithful.

For: (1) Baptist Building STAFF AT HOME DAYS 4th-6th; (2) 7,000 believers gathered on Easter at the parliament building in Dhaka, Bangladesh (00). Muslim city). Most are Christians from a Hindu background. Pray that team members might train them to share the gospel and start house churches among their Muslim neighbors.

For: Centri-Kid, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, 22nd-24th (SS & LifeWay); (2) Please keep the Baptist International Mission Service Medical Team in practer during the next few months as their office is going through many changes and adjustments.

For: (1) Growing Churches
Through Sunday School and
Discipleship & Family
Ministry Cultifione Baptist
Assembly, Jas. Christian,
29th-31d (SS/Q&/M); (2)
Please pray for Prime Minister
Arid Sharon of Israel (Middle
Fact)

For: (I) Youth Night, MS
Coliseum, Jackson, 6:309 p.m. (Evan & Youth Team);
(2) Work permits for two
short-term (26) years) personnel that will be working with
AIDS character and the
"True Love Waits" abstinence
program in Zimbabwe.

Caracas, Venezuela (population, 6 million) is less than 1 percent Christian. Caracas is in spiritan dantess. Pray for the unreacted people of Caracas. Pray to our missionaries there as they strive to find ways to reach those who do not know Him.

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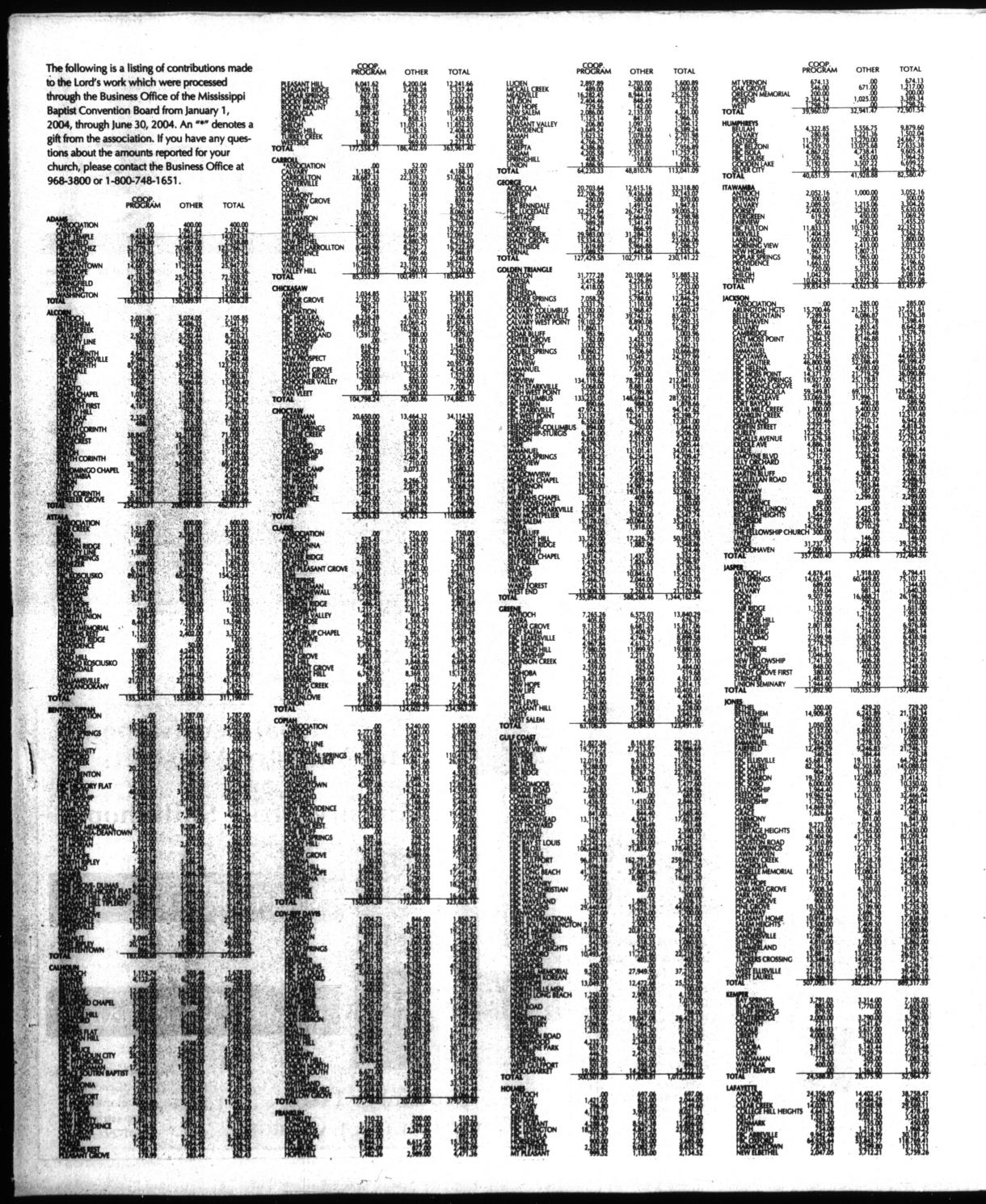
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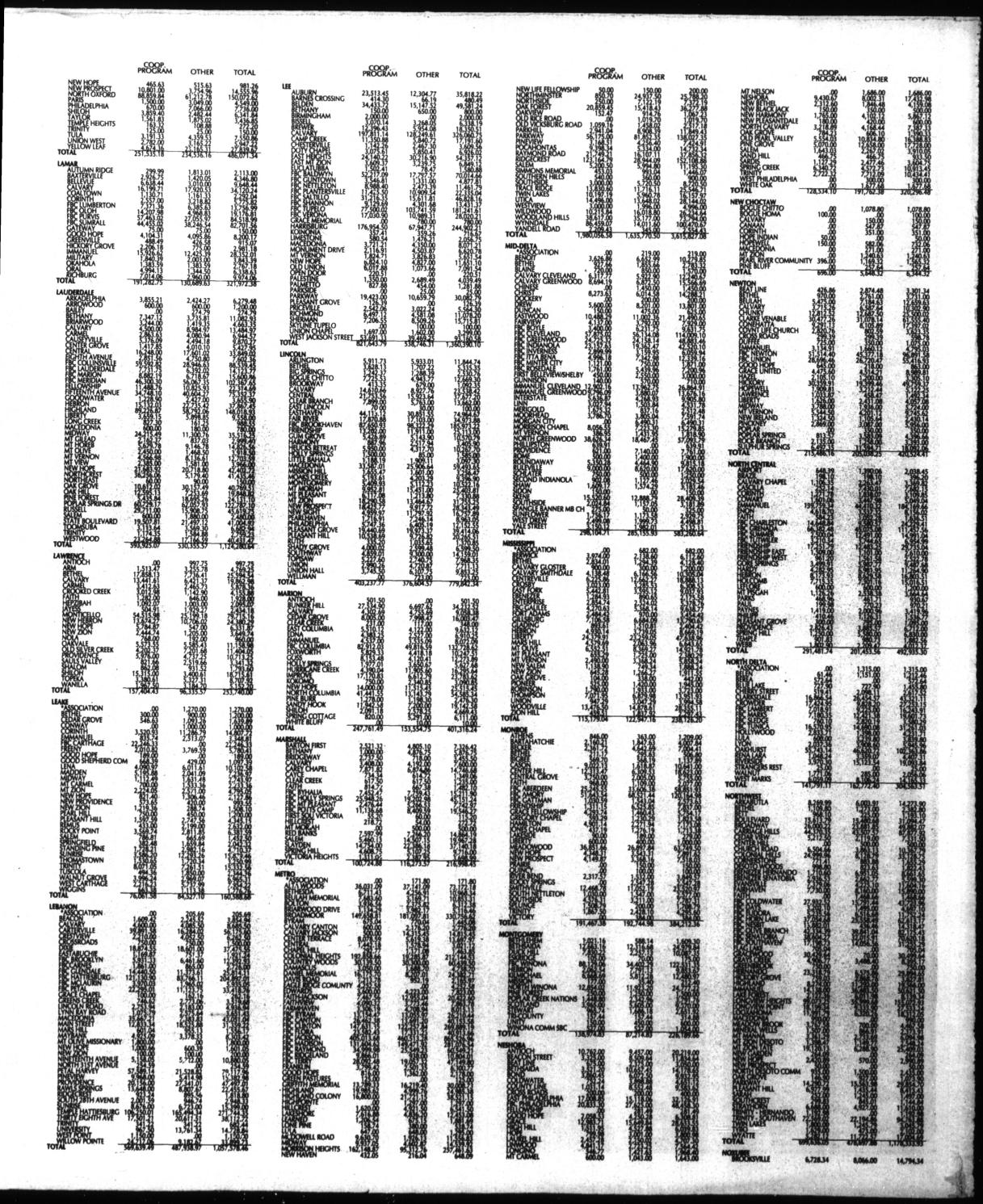


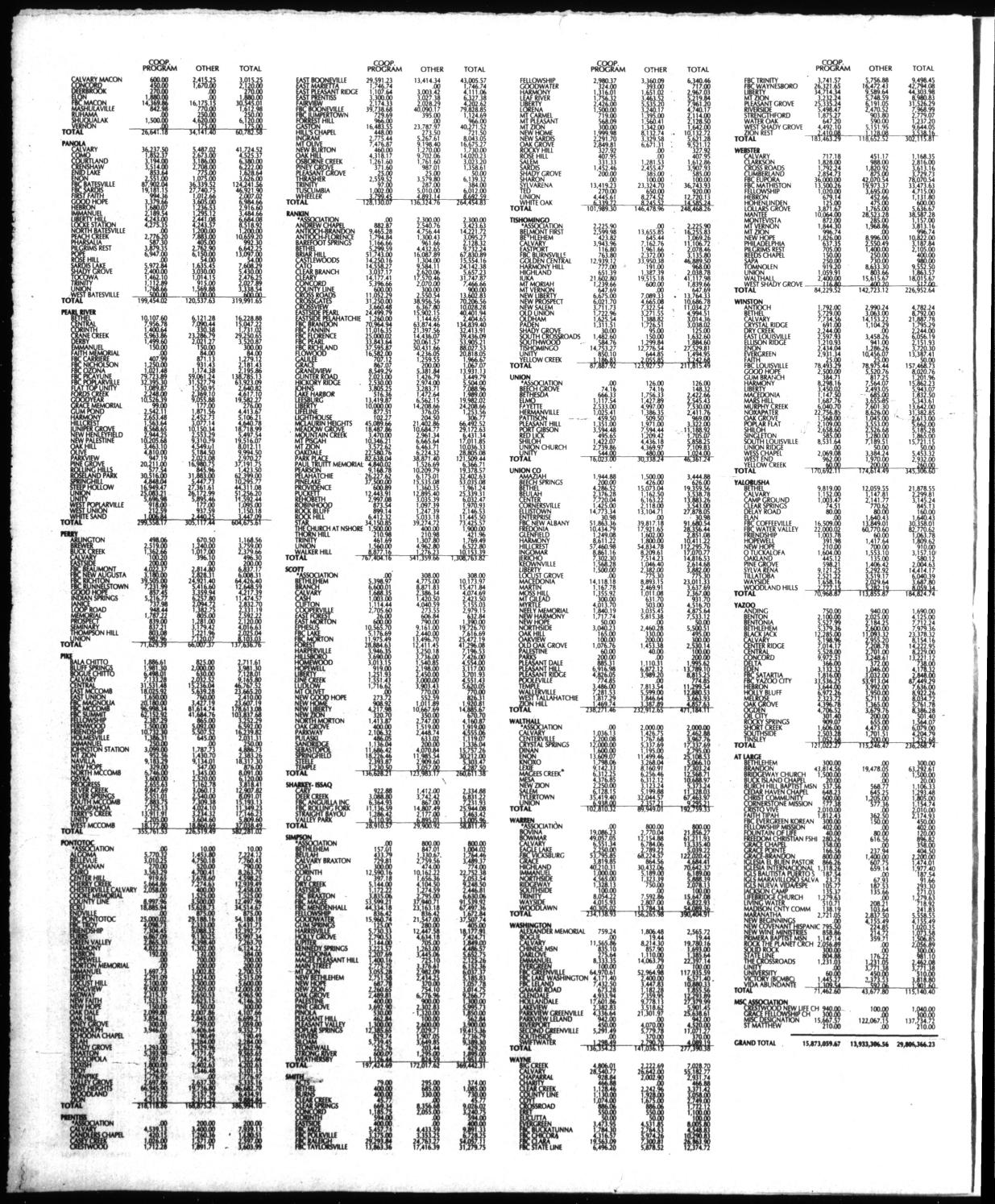
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Rome, Rome: Revival July 25-28; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; The Preachers Four, David Koons, Maynard Hill, Robert Haney, and Lester Jeffers, leading worship; all are invited.

Beulah, Myrtle: Homecoming August 15; music, 10 a.m.; preaching, 11 a.m.; lunch at noon; The Lovelace Family, music; Terry Rogers, preaching; all are

County Line, Dossville: Homecoming July 25; worship, 10:30 a.m.; lunch will follow; singing at 1 p.m.; Kenny Culpepper, speaker; Burchfield, music; Larry Burrell, pastor.

Mt. Pisgah, Sandhill: Revival July 25-28; Sunday, 11 a.m., fellowship and lunch will follow, and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Clarence Young, evangelist; Jan Jones, music; Andy Delancy, pastor.

Jerusalem, Kosciusko: Homecoming and Revival August 1-4; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7:30 p.m.; Campers on Mission Team, evangelist; Bob Woods, music; Johnny Parks, pastor.

Harmony, Brookhaven: Homecoming July 25; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; lunch will be served; singing will follow; Clear Mountain Quartet, music; Alvin Lyons, speaker; Larry Eickenloff, pastor.

Cliff Temple, Natchez: Revival August 15-18; 7 p.m. nightly; Perry Sanders, First, Lafayette, La., evangelist; Donnie McIlwain, music; Arron McGuffee, pastor.

Ebenezer, Liberty: Revival July 25-28; Sunday dinner on the grounds; Robbie Britt, guest speaker; Ivey Butler, music.

Camp Ground, Water Valley: Revival August 1-4; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Dan Robertson, speaker; Michael Callahan, music; all are invited; Ross Robertson, pastor.

Parkway, Tupelo: Revival July 25-27; New Beginnings Crusade; Sunday, 11 a.m., 6 p.m., and family meal at 5 p.m.; Mon. and Tues., 6 p.m.; Todd Evans, evangelist; Edd Brashier, music; Bill Flowers, guest speaker; Paul Brashier, pastor; child care provided; for more information, call (662) 842-7843.

Whitesand, **Prentiss:** Revival July 25-28; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; weekdays, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Malcolm Ellis, Colmesneil, Texas, evangelist; Rick Holifield, music; Charles R. Burnham, pastor.

Ludlow, Scott Association: Revival July 25-30; Sunday, 10 a.m., 11 a.m., lunch will follow, and 1:30 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7 p.m.; Paul Smith, speaker; the Williams, music; M.L. Wallace, pastor.

Oakvale, Oakvale: Homecoming and Revival August 8-11; Sunday, dinner will follow worship, and 2 p.m.; Mon.-Revival Wed., 7 p.m.; Sonny Adkins, MBCB, preaching; previous pastors, contact (601) 736-4940.

Wayside, Vicksburg: Revival August 1-4; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Steve White, New Sight, Brookhaven, guest speaker; all are welcome, for more information, call (601) 636-3271; Darrell White, pastor.

Grace, Decatur: Revival July 25-28; Sunday, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Danny Lanier, Northcrest, Meridian, guest speaker; Shaun

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Selman, Clarke-Venable Memorial, Decatur, music; Richard Ethridge, pastor.

Center Ridge, Yazoo City: Homecoming August 8; 9:30 a.m.-noon; lunch at noon; Billy Williams, Brandon, guest speaker; Joey Ward, guest singer; Daryl Oster, pastor.

Hebron, Bentonia: Homecoming and Revival August 8-13; Sunday, 9:45 a.m. and testimonies after lunch; bring photos or memorabilia; Mon.-Fri., 7:30 p.m.; Billy Smith, Madison, evangelist; for more information, call (601) 755-8698; Luke Edwards, pastor.

Mt. Olive, Smithdale: Revival July 25-28; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Jim Futral, MBCB, guest preacher: Ed May, West preacher; Ed May, West McComb, McComb, music; Joey Barnard, pastor.

Concord, Macon: Revival August 1-6; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7 p.m.; Tommy Cherry, Ellison Ridge and Yellow Creek, Winston County, evangelist; Sean Greer, Louisville, music; all are invited; Lowell Ingram, pastor.

New Hope, Sumrall: Revival July 25-30; Sunday, 11 a.m., lunch at noon, 1:15 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7 p.m.; Mike Lee, Greenville, Lamar County, speaker; Jeffrey Coulter, music; Charles Broome, pastor.

Poplar Springs, Hazlehurst: Revival July 25-28; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Talmadge E. Smith, Tom McCormick, Wiley Reid, and Barry Cutrer, evangelists; Hubert Greer, pastor.

Mt. Pisgah, Carrollton: Homecoming July 25; worship, 10 a.m.; Tim Frith and Gospel Echoes, Pearl, concert; a love offering will be taken; for more information, call (601) 939-6444.

Union, Beaumont: Homecoming July 25; song service, 10:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; lunch will follow; after-noon sing, 1 p.m.; Tommy "Red" Fox, Boaz, Ala., preach-ing; Annie and Kelly McRae, singing; Wayne Walley, pastor.

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Oak Forest Church, Jackson, will host Steve Walker, music evangelist, in concert July 25 at 6 p.m. Admission is free, but a love offering will be received. Gary Blair is pastor. For more information, call (601) 372-2021.



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FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

Encouraged by Faithful Hope Habakkuk 1:2-6, 12-13; 2:2-4, 18-20; 3:17-19a

By Mo Baker

Have you ever had a "bad hair day," you know, a day when things just don't go as planned, and nothing seems to work out right? One of my favorite children's books is Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day. This delightful manuscript takes the reader through one little boy's day when everything goes wrong and Alexander has to admit that some days are just like that.

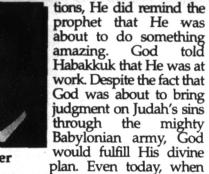
Like Alexander, we also live in a world where circumstances are often less than ideal, requiring us to confront difficulties in many areas of life. A typical response to life's crises is to become pessimistic, but Christians may affirm a greater reality, that God is sovereign and in control.

I. TROUBLES ABOUND (HAB 1:2-4).

Writing about 600 rears before the birth of Christ, the prophet Habakkuk was burdened by the ugliness he

observed in his world. Judah was in rebellion against God, leading to "destruction . . . violence . . . strife . . . and conflict" (Hab 1:2). Habakkuk addressed his complaint to the Lord, who seemed to be uncharacteristically silent. Furthermore, Habakkuk interpreted God's seeming inactivity to be the cause of chaos in his society. An honest admission from contemporary believers might reveal that we sometimes feel the same as Habakkuk: where is God when troubles emerge, and why does He appear to be silent in

II. GOD IS AT WORK (HAB 1:5-6). Although God did not respond specifically to Habakkuk's ques-



life's adversities seem to surround us, Christians may be encouraged that God is working to accomplish His will in our lives. Through brokenness, believers often experience God's greatest blessings.

III. THE RIGHTEOUS MAY Suffer (Hab 1:12-13).

Habakkuk brought an additional objection to God, wanting to know why God appears to be silent while the wicked devour the righteous. Doubtless he was referring to the Babylonians subduing Judah. The prophet certainly must have had in mind the ruthless reputation of the Babylonian army. Compared to them, Judah, in spite of their rebellion, must have seemed "right-

eous." Habakkuk was perplexed as to how God could use a pagan nation to achieve His purpose. Have you ever felt like God was silent while life's problems con-sumed you? Like Habakkuk, we may know that God is holy and in control, yet feel like God is nowhere to be found in the face of adversity. Since God is "from everlasting" (Hab 1:12) believers can be certain that God has an ultimate end in mind and will fulfill His plans. By focusing on the short term situations, we may miss the significance of God's work in the long term.

IV. LIVE BY FAITH (HAB 2:2-4, **18-20)**.

After hearing Habakkuk's complaints, God commands the prophet to write down the revelation about to be disclosed. God affirms that He has an appointed time for accomplishing His work. What may seem to be delayed or detoured by our understanding is always on time according to God. God's purposes cannot be thwarted (Isa 55:10-11). One's faith in God is crucial to over-

coming the doubt one often feels when dealing with life's troubles. True worship rests in being confident in God to work according to His divine plan.

V. HOPE IN GOD (HAB 3:17-19A). The Book of Habakkuk ends

with the prophet identifying six calamities of life that could conceivably happen. Despite such Habakkuk hopelessness, expressed his confident hope in God. Rather than just enduring his troubles with a "hang-inthere" attitude, Habakkuk's would experience joy in wor-shiping God. Like Habakkuk, Christians today can hope in God regardless of life's circumstances. Even if the worst things in life can happen, God can still be worshiped. Habakkuk's metaphor of the surefootedness of a female deer exhibited his stability in God. Believers who reside in troubling times can hope in the God who is always working to accomplish his purpose, even on bad hair days!

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EXPLORE THE BIBLE

Condemned By Conformity 2 Kings 14-15

By Mary Carraway

Chapters 14 and 15 of 2 Kings relate the history of nine kings. The three kings of Judah are all commended for doing "what was right in the Lord's sight," though none had the undivided heart of David. Israel's kings are condemned for doing "what was evil in the Lord's sight." Instead of being the distinctive people of God, they allowed selfish pride, ruthless ambition, and brutal violence to lead to devastating consequences personally and for the nation.

AMAZIAH AND JEREBOAM (2 KINGS 14: 1-28)

Amaziah, son of Joash, served God, but not with a perfect heart. Edom (descended from Esau) and Judah were bitter enemies. Edom, a constant threat to Judah's frontier, blocked access to the Gulf of Agaba. Amaziah

defeated ten thousand Edomites, but he made a tragic mistake by bringing back the gods of Edom and setting

them up as his gods (2 Chronicles 25:14). His second mistake was declaring war on Israel. "Come, let us meet face to face" (2 Kings 14: 8) was not an invitation to dinner, but a declaration of war.

Carraway

Jehoash, king of Israel, replied to the challenge with a fable. His reply revealed his arrogance as much as Amaziah's challenge revealed his pride. The analogy depicted a lowly thistle (Judah) proudly presenting itself as the equal to the strong and lofty cedar (Israel) and being trampled underfoot by a wild animal. The meaning was clear. Judah was no match for the military strength of Israel. When Amaziah was not persuaded by Jehoash's logic, Jehoash seized the initiative and

attacked Judah at Ben Shemesh. It was a decisive victory for Israel and Amaziah was taken prisoner. Jehoash then proceeded to Jerusalem, where he broke down 200 yards of Jerusalem's wall, plundered the temple, and took hostages to Samaria. Misplaced pride was disastrous for

Amaziah. Choices based on what we perceive as our own accomplishment and ability can

bring a tragic outcome. Jereboam II of Israel reigned 41 years. He led Israel in a time of political stability, properity, and expansion. He may have been the deliverer promised to his grandfather, Jehoahaz (2 Kings 13:5). Nevertheless, he did evil in the eyes of the Lord. Israel was now but a few decades away from being invaded by Assyria.

AZARIAH AND ZECHARIAH (2 KINGS 15:1-12)

Azariah (or Uzziah) of Judah is generally considered one of Judah's most effective and influential kings. He was mili-tarily successful and prosperous, but after he became pow-

erful, "his pride led to his downfall"(2 Chronicles 26:16). He tried to assume the role of priest by burning incense on the altar of incense. Because of his unrepentant spirit when rebuked, God struck him with leprosy and he was leprous for the rest of his life.

SHALLUM, MENAHEM, AND PEKAHIAH (2 KINGS 15:13-26)

Now begins the record of the destruction of Israel and the instigation of a period of chaos. Hereafter, most of the kings of the Northern Kingdom chose violence as the means to power. Zechariah, the last king descended from Jehu, reigned only six months before being assassinated by Shallum. Shallum, who was neither called nor anointed to be king, exemplifies sinful ambition based on the philosophy that the end justifies the means. He reigned only one month before Menahem killed him becoming the fourth king to reign in Israel in less than a year.

Menahem regarded Shallum as a usurper to the throne believing that as commander of Jeroboam's army he should suc-

ceed Zechariah. His brutal and violent treatment of Tiphsah revealed the evil of his heart and intimidated other Israelite towns into supporting him. Pul (Tiglath-Pileser), king of Assyria, was already threatening Israel. Menahem paid Pul a thousand talents of silver gained from taxation to win his protection.

His son Pekahiah succeeded him for two years before being disposed of by Pekah. Before the end of Pekah's twenty-year reign, the Assyrians had already swallowed up a large portion of Israel including Gilead, Galilee, and Naphtali and had taken many Israelites captive.

Amos and Hosea, prophets to Israel, vividly presented the depth of moral decay which the nation had reached, but they went unheeded. The complete disregard of Israel's leadership for keeping covenant with God and the partial obedience of Judah was leading them toward disaster. As Christians, we must model distinctive lifestyles and not desert the behaviors and attitudes God requires.

Carraway is member of First Church, Wiggins.

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